



**Town of Amherst
Town Council Meeting
July 22, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.
Town Room, Town Hall
4 Boltwood Avenue**

Minutes

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1. Call to order and declaration of a quorum

President Griesemer declared the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Councilors present: Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, Steinberg, Swartz.

Councilors absent: Councilors Hanneke and Schoen

Councilors participating remotely: None

Others present: Town Manager Paul Bockelman, Assistant Town Manager David Ziomek, Planning Director Chris Brestrup, Clerk of the Council Athena O’Keeffe

President Griesemer announced audio and video recording by Amherst Media.

2. Announcements

August 5, 2019 – No Town Council meeting.

August 19, 2019 – The Town Council will convene at 5:00 to review Councilors’ Town Manager evaluation forms. At 6:30 p.m., the Council will conduct regular Council business, and then return to Town Manager evaluations.

August 26, 2019 – The Town Council will conduct regular business and then enter into executive session for Town Manager salary negotiations.

September 9, 2019 – Regular Town Council meeting.

3. Hearings

6:30 p.m. Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw [MGL c. 40A, §5]

Planning Director Christine Brestrup and Bob Ritchie, Chair of the Bylaw Review Committee explained the process taken by the Bylaw Review Committee to bring the zoning bylaw in conformance with the Amherst Home Rule Charter, including changes such as changing Select Board and Town Meeting to Town Manager and Town Council. This is the first change to the zoning bylaws since the Charter was adopted by voters in March 2018.

There was no public questions or comments in favor or in opposition to the proposed zoning bylaws.

President Griesemer closed the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Agenda item 7.a. Action Items, Proposed Zoning Bylaws

- (1) Second Reading [Charter Sec. 2.10(a)]**
 - (a) Review of changes since first reading**
 - (b) Council Discussion**

President Griesemer explained changes to the zoning bylaw document since the first reading at the June 17, 2019 Town Council meeting.

Councilor Brewer requested an outline of the zoning bylaw amendment process.

Councilors thanked the Bylaw Review Committee for their work.

- (2) Adoption of Proposed Zoning Bylaws**
 - (a) Council Discussion**
 - (b) Motion and Vote**

MOTION: Councilor Ryan moved, second by Councilor De Angelis, that NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED by the Town Council of the Town of Amherst that the Amherst Zoning Bylaws be amended by deleting the current Zoning Bylaws in their entirety and inserting in place thereof a new Zoning Bylaw, in the form set forth in the document attached hereto and incorporated by reference entitled, “Complete Zoning Bylaw July 2019”; and, further, to authorize the Town Clerk, following consultation with the Town Manager, to make such ministerial and clerical changes of form only with respect to identification of articles, chapters, sections, subsections, paragraphs and subparagraphs as are needed to bring such Bylaws into accord with the format of the bylaws of the Town of Amherst.

VOTED 10-0-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Pam, Ryan, Schreiber, Steinberg and Swartz voted Yes; Councilors Hanneke, Ross and Schoen were absent) that NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED by the Town Council of the Town of Amherst that the Amherst Zoning Bylaws be amended by deleting the current Zoning Bylaws in their entirety and inserting in place thereof a new Zoning Bylaw, in the form set forth in the document attached hereto and incorporated by reference entitled, “Complete Zoning Bylaw July 2019”; and, further, to authorize the Town Clerk, following consultation with the Town Manager, to make such ministerial and clerical changes of form

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4. General Public Comment - None

5. Proclamations and Commemorations

a. Resolution in Support of the ROE Act

Lynn Morgan of 34 Cherry Lane spoke about the resolution, and read a letter in support from Representative Mindy Domb.

Miranda Balkin of 591 Bay Road spoke in support of the resolution.

Councilor Pam spoke in support of the resolution.

Councilor DuMont thanked the petitioners.

MOTION: Councilor De Angelis moved, second by Councilor Pam, to adopt the Resolution in Support of the ROE Act as presented.

VOTED 10-0-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Pam, Ryan, Schoen, Schreiber, Steinberg and Swartz voted Yes; Councilors Hanneke, Schoen and Ross were Absent) to adopt the Resolution in Support of the ROE Act as presented.

6. Presentations and Discussion

a. PVPC Update – Jack Jemsek and Christine Gray-Mullen

Christine Gray Mullen and Jack Jemsek, Commissioners to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) spoke about the PVPC's work.

Councilor De Angelis asked to clarify how the PVPC looks at homelessness. Mr. Jemsek responded that the Commission responds to homelessness in a variety of ways, food security being one component. Ms. Gray Mullen asked that Councilors visit the PVPC website to read about specific issues. Councilor DuMont asked about how the PVPC members decided which candidate to vote for for Executive Director. Ms. Gray Mullen stated there were issues with the voting process. Mr. Jemsek stated that both candidates were highly qualified. Councilor Schreiber stated that the PVPC works as a kind of planning advisor to towns that do not staff full planning departments and asked about what the PVPC does for cities and towns with full planning departments, and stated that he understands that the PVPC works on larger planning projects, like railways. Mr. Jemsek spoke about the membership of the executive committee. Ms. Gray Mullen without more experience on a planning board, members are not invited to serve on the executive committee. Councilor Pam asked if Amherst pays for the PVPC and what we get in return for our membership. Chris Brestrup responded that membership is around \$6,000. Councilor Ryan asked if it makes sense for the Council to receive updates from our PVPC Commissioners on a regular basis. President Griesemer asked how the Council can keep in regular contact with our PVPC Commissioners, and asked that issues at the PVPC be brought to the attention of the President and the Town Manager. Councilor Brewer stated that the Charter indicates that the Town Manager serves as the representative to

any regional entity. In the past, the Town Manager attended meetings of the PVPC and gave the Select Board updates; asked if the Town Manager can delegate his authority to an alternate. President Griesemer asked if there are any specific issues relevant to Amherst, and any issues that have been exceptionally challenging. Mr. Jemsek responded that the PVPC addresses a host of issues that smaller towns may not have the staff or expertise to handle on their own. Mr. Jemsek spoke about some statistics about Amherst compared to other cities and towns in the Pioneer Valley. Ms. Gray Mullen added that the PVPC collects data as a quasi-government agency and operates on grants. PVPC can be hired as a consultant to help inform decisions on the local level. PVPC can serve as a tool or resource to the Town. Additional information is available on the PVPC website: www.PioneerValleyData.org Ms. Brestrup added that she receives updates from the PVPC, she can forward them to the Town Manager to share with the Town Council. Councilor Steinberg mentioned ongoing discussions at various times about the value of turnover versus stability; advancing into leadership positions at the PVPC requires experience, we are depriving ourselves that opportunity if we have a high rate of turnover on the Planning Board. Councilor Brewer added that we have had Planning Board members serve for more than ten years and have not been invited to the executive committee. Councilor Swartz added that it was interesting that in some cities and towns the Planning Board is elected. Councilor Steinberg noted that it is often the opposite, appointed members serve for 20 years rather than elected boards. Councilor Ryan commented that the PVPC can be very useful in terms of a wealth of data that can be used to make decisions. Ms. Brestrup added that the Planning Department has staff that are very good at doing their own research as well.

Agenda item 7.c. Dog Park Public Way Request – Old Belchertown Road

- (1) Project Presentation**
- (2) Council Discussion**
- (3) Motion and Vote**

Mr. Ziomek spoke about the request to add parking and access to Old Belchertown Road for the new dog park. We now have a location and funding package for the dog park. The location is at the old capped landfill on the west side of Old Belchertown Road. The landfill is 55 acres, the proposed park is 1.5 acres. Looking for something simple, functional and low-cost. Stanton Foundation has funded the design and will fund the build, along with CPA funds previously approved by Town Meeting. The park will be fully fenced in two separate areas for large and small dogs. Everything will be ADA accessible. The Dog Park Task Force (DPTF) will form a Friends of the Dog Park group to monitor the park, raise money and establish rules. Care must be taken not to puncture the cap of the landfill, although no trash is directly underneath the proposed park. Asking to construct in the public way portions of 22 nose-in parking spaces, 2 handicapped. All vertical structures will be out of the public way.

Councilor Pam suggested the addition of a bathroom and asked about the turf. Mr. Ziomek responded that the area inside the loops will be pea stone surrounded by natural turf, which allows areas to be fenced off to regenerate. Artificial surfaces are expensive and less natural. Bathrooms were not part of the design; a typical visit to the park is only 45 minutes, and would add considerable cost to the project. A combination of Friends of the Dog Park, DPW, and Carol Hepburn the Animal Control Officer will maintain the park. The DPTF is looking at composting the dog waste. Councilor Bahl-Milne asked what the cost would be to the Town. Mr. Ziomek responded that the cost has been staff support; the Stanton institute funded

\$250,000, \$90,000 was allocated by Town Meeting, and private fundraising covered the rest. Total will be approximately \$300,000 to construct. Councilor Swartz asked how much will Town pay per year for upkeep, mowing, to replace shades, etc. Mr. Ziomek responded that the Stanton Foundation is supportive of the initial construction, and may fund incremental improvements and repairs in the future. Councilor Schreiber asked if percent for art bylaw were law, this being a town facility we may be able to have more fun with the structures and design. Councilor Bahl-Milne asked would funding this be taking something away from funding for homeless. Mr. Ziomek responded it would not be taking funds away, the CPA funds are from the open space category. Voted 2 years ago in Town Meeting. We responded to a need articulated by dozens of residents who wanted a dog park. For over a year and a half, the committee has sought funding and wrote grants, modest upkeep, nothing like a playing field.

Councilor De Angelis asked about the value of the project. Mr. Ziomek stated that a good portion of the funding has already been dedicated to the project. The reason for the referral to the CRC is the permanent use of the right of way.

MOTION: Councilor Pam moved, second by Councilor Ryan, to refer the requested permanent changes to the public way at 95 Old Belchertown Road to the Community Resources Committee, with a report back to the Town Council on August 15, 2019.

VOTED 11-0-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilors Hanneke and Schoen were absent) to refer the requested permanent changes to the public way at 95 Old Belchertown Road to the Community Resources Committee, with a report back to the Town Council on August 15, 2019.

b. Town Manager Performance Review

(1) Town Manager Summary of Self-Evaluation

(2) Council Discussion

Mr. Bockelman spoke about his self-evaluation; this process allows us the opportunity to look up and see where we are and how far we have come in the last year. We are in good shape and have moved towards where the charter pointed the Town. The report outlines the goals set by the Select Board, and the status of those goals and objectives. Change in government: there was no road map, worked hard to make the transition successful. Meet the candidates with the Town Manager and department heads, and to say we are all starting at the same level. After the election, post-election meetings to talk about conflict of interest, open meeting law and team building exercises with Stan Rosenberg. Council retreat helped shape the Council's goals and values. Department orientations. Procedures for new committees and appointments. Fiscal management: we are in a strong financial situation. Strong headwinds with entities that do not pay taxes and use services. Health insurance was a big change, mapped out a path to go forward to implement a change to shift from self-insurance to fully insured. New revenue from marijuana, Air BnB, and new growth. People: this Town runs well because we have dedicated professional staff, have not added a lot of new bodies but have asked existing staff to take on more tasks. Biggest success has been Community Participation Officers with three women who were excited to take on the tasks and are eager with new ideas. Communications: communicating is an important task that local governments are not always good at and we need to get better. Proud of the efforts of LSSE to take their programs into neighborhoods. Considering clean-up day as a yearly event. Capital Projects: roads and sidewalks, the

capital plan is going to be very important in the fall, the Finance Committee will have to decide how and if the Town can afford all the projects, which may need a debt exclusion and how much money the Town wants to spend on capital projects. Successful relations with our institutional partners. Challenge with Hampshire College, they were unable to make substantive decisions as they were struggling with their own existence; had an impact on the Town. The entire community will care a lot about the capital plan. Want to educate the Council about roads and sidewalks. As we do more development in Town, suddenly the Town is busy with plans for capital projects after 10 years of quiet. Census 2020, Craig's Doors, Valley CDC project and others are all major upcoming issues that will gain a lot of attention and be an opportunity for additional public outreach and feedback.

Councilor Pam asked if multitasking of Town staff is double-sided. Mr. Bockelman responded that many people want the challenge, and want to try and see how it fits. Many employees look elsewhere if they are not challenged.

Councilor Bahl-Milne asked how many people the Town employs. Mr. Bockelman responded that there are currently 250 Town employees. Received 30 evaluations from Town staff.

Councilors Brewer and Steinberg commented on the difficulty of surveying staff regarding the Town Manager's performance.

Councilor De Angelis commented that members of the community recognize the Town Manager's efforts.

Councilor Bahl-Milne stated that every Town employee has been very responsive, even on weekends, and asked if he is concerned about burnout. Mr. Bockelman responded that he appreciates the concern.

Councilor Pam commented that the Town Manager has done an incredible job with existing staff, but it seems like we need more staff. Mr. Bockelman responded that the Town will evaluate staffing needs in creating the FY21 budget.

c. Public Safety Buildings Project

President Griesemer spoke about public outreach efforts in the community to seek input and provide information about the project.

President Griesemer spoke about the building project and presented slides.

7. Action Items

c. Rules of Procedure First Reading [Rule 1.6]

(1) Council Discussion

Councilor Ross spoke about outstanding changes to the rules that were left from the Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee that have been taken up the Governance, Organization and Legislation. Hyperlinks were added to MGL, Charter and CMR. More substantive changes were rule 2.2(h) which added a rule regarding the President serving as spokesperson on behalf of the Council. Did not want to restrict a Councilor to respond to a press inquiry as an individual; the rule allows only the president to speak to the press on behalf of the Council. There was a rule added regarding approval and release of executive session minutes on a regular basis. Rule 8.2(c) sought automatic referral of financial measures to the Finance Committee except the budget. Appendix B was intended to be copies of committee charges, this was replaced by hyperlinks to charges, updated charges will be automatically updated when they are

changed on the Town website. Rule previously encouraged committees to be creative, etc. 10.6(j)1 covered by an existing rule. 10.10 Non-voting members of the Finance Committee to specify that it is a Council appointment not a President appointment. Also deleted OCA appointment process. Have not addressed 10.5 work groups yet.

Councilor Brewer commented that once rules are adopted, the document should be on the Town website and on SharePoint. Where to find things on the website should be discussed. In 2.2(h) President as spokesperson, still think that this body should agree and make clear that when it comes to speaking for the Town Council it is the President's job unless the Council designates a Councilor to speak about a specific topic on the Council's behalf. Don't want Councilors to see the rule as carte blanche to speak on behalf of the Council.

Councilor Schreiber noted that as political figures, the media plays an important role in Councilors' communication with constituents.

Councilor Pam asked about rules 9.4 and 9.5 number of votes required; some things take 10 votes and some take 9. Question regarding properly protested bylaw.

Councilor DuMont find it disconcerting that the Ad Hoc Rules committee discussed and voted to accept, now GOL is making changes. Feels like GOL should respect the work of the Ad Hoc Rules Committee. President Griesemer responded that a committee assigned to re-consider an item is charged with making changes. Councilor Ross added that a large part of the work was making corrections and determining what did and did not need to be included. Questions in GOL about work groups being usable, and Rules' work is given careful consideration.

Discussion about Council responding to emails that were received by the whole Council.

Discussion about the right and obligation to be creative, etc. 10.6(j).

On August 19, the second reading will be held and work groups be addressed at a later time.

Councilor Brewer provided clarification about the reference to a properly protested zoning bylaw.

8. Appointments

a. Confirmation of Town Manager Appointments

(1) Director of Senior Services [Charter Sec. 3.3(a), 2.11]

(a) Council Discussion

(b) Motion and Vote

Mr. Bockelman spoke about the appointment, Ms. Ogulewicz's experience and qualifications, and the selection process.

Councilor Ross spoke about OCA's deliberation process. One area of concern was that 28 applicants, two were put forward and one withdrew. The screening committee put forth two individuals, after one withdrew the committee did not feel it appropriate to go back and recommend another candidate.

Experience with a Senior Center, policy, transportation and activities, the experiences this individual brought highlighted the Town Manager's vision and out of the box thinking about the position. Useful to have a discussion about the Town Manager's vision for a department earlier in the selection process. OCA voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Town Manager's appointment.

MOTION: Councilor Ryan moved, second by Councilor Bahl-Milne, to approve the Town Manager's appointment of the Senior Services Director.

VOTED 11-0-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilors Hanneke and Schoen were absent) to approve the Town Manager's appointment of the Senior Services Director.

b. **Town Council Appointments**

Board of Health – Not Anticipated by the President 48 Hours Prior to the Meeting

Mr. Bockelman spoke about the appointees, selection process and the scope of the Board of Health. It is helpful to have a physician, and an engineer with experience in hydrology.

Councilor Ross stated that OCA voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Town Manager's appointments to the Board of Health.

MOTION: Councilor Ryan moved, second by Councilor De Angelis, to approve the Town Manager's appointments to the Board of Health, effective July 23, 2019, as recommended by the Outreach, Communications and Appointments Committee:

For a three-year term to expire June 30, 2022:

- Stephen George (reappointment)

For a two-year term to expire June 30, 2021:

- Maureen Millea
- Timothy Randhir

VOTED 11-0-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilors Hanneke and Schoen were absent) to approve the Town Manager's appointments to the Board of Health, effective July 23, 2019, as recommended by the Outreach, Communications and Appointments Committee:

For a three-year term to expire June 30, 2022:

- Stephen George (reappointment)

For a two-year term to expire June 30, 2021:

- Maureen Millea
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(1) Non-Voting Members of Finance Committee

Councilor DuMont spoke about OCA's deliberation and process to recommend appointees as non-voting members of Finance Committee. OCA voted 3-2 to recommend the appointments of the non-voting members of Finance Committee.

Councilor Bahl-Milne asked about the dissenting opinion. Councilor Ross responded that the OCA designee is the only Councilor in interviews and recommends appointments; what do you do if you disagree with the designee's recommendation, you vote against. Rich pool of applicants. OCA has not been rigid with term limits, but Ms. Theilman has served on Finance Committee for four terms since 2008. Time to bring on new people, there were people in the pool that had the experience and had a shorter tenure on Finance Committee. Councilor Swartz stated that she had an issue with procedure, general health of the committee, and how it would function; considered terms versus institutional knowledge. Councilor Brewer wanted to be extensive in the report and feel that people will read it. Councilor DuMont OCA will be re-evaluating its process in the future, along with a discussion about term limits. Councilor Ross question of term limits. The Select Board had a policy of two terms. OCA had a discussion before Planning Board and ZBA and agreed they would not be strict with term limits. Not the same situation now; there is no need to suspend term limits due to the committee's overall experience.

MOTION: Councilor DuMont moved, second by Councilor De Angelis to appoint the following individuals as non-voting resident members of the Town Council Finance Committee:

For a term to begin July 23, 2019 and expire on June 30, 2020:

- MaryLou Theilman

For a term to begin July 23, 2019 and expire June 30, 2021:

- Sharon Povinelli
- Robert Hegner

MOTION: Councilor Steinberg moved, second by Councilor Schreiber, to amend by inserting at the end of the motion: The Council will evaluate the Finance Committee process and Committee Charge prior to considering appointment to the vacancy that will occur on July 1, 2020 to assess how the addition of non-voting Resident members has affected the Committee and its work.

Councilor Steinberg spoke to the motion. We have not had the time to think about what it means to add members to committees that are not Councilors. Concerned about how this will move forward and how it will effect an already effective committee.

Councilor Ryan asked how will the evaluation work. Councilor Steinberg responded that that is for the Council to decide, likely not appropriate for a 13-member discussion.

Councilor DuMont asked about voting the appointments separately from the amendment.

Councilor Pam question about postponing the vote.

Councilors discussed when and how to evaluate the role and function of non-voting resident members.

Councilor DuMont pointed out that the non-voting members that have terms longer than one year would have their terms cut short if the Council decides to discontinue non-voting members' terms.

Councilor De Angelis spoke in favor of the addition of non-voting members.

Councilor Bahl-Milne commented that the appointees were not told ahead of time that their terms might be truncated. Councilor DuMont agreed, and added that the addition of non-voting members would add voices to the committee, and that members might perceive that if they have dissenting opinions they might be removed from the committee.

President Griesemer noted that the Charter allows non-voting members and Councilor Steinberg is suggesting that the Council re-evaluate the option in case blending a Council committee with non-voting members does not work well.

Councilor Ross spoke in favor of the motion, and commented that OCA's view was that non-voting members would provide additional expertise, not necessarily dissenting opinions.

Councilor Ryan spoke in opposition to the amendment, and commented that the Council will have this conversation in the future one way or another, so the amendment is not needed. Councilor DuMont agreed that an amendment is not needed.

Councilor Brewer noted that voting for the amendment will allow everyone to be aware that the Council will review the addition of non-voting members in the future.

VOTED 7-4-0 (Councilors Brewer, De Angelis, Griesemer, Pam, Ross, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilors Bahl-Milne, DuMont, Ryan, and Swartz voted No; Councilors Hanneke and Schoen were absent) to amend by inserting at the end of the motion: The Council will evaluate the Finance Committee process and Committee Charge prior to considering appointment to the vacancy that will occur on July 1, 2020 to assess how the addition of non-voting Resident members has affected the Committee and its work.

VOTED 9-2-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Pam, Ryan, Schreiber, and Steinberg voted Yes; Councilors Ross and Swartz voted No; Councilors Hanneke and Schoen were absent) to appoint the following individuals as non-voting resident members of the Town Council Finance Committee:

For a term to begin July 23, 2019 and expire on June 30, 2020:

- MaryLou Theilman

For a term to begin July 23, 2019 and expire June 30, 2021:

- Sharon Povinelli
- Robert Hegner

The Council will evaluate the Finance Committee process and Committee Charge prior to considering appointment to the vacancy that will occur on July 1, 2020 to assess how the addition of non-voting Resident members has affected the Committee and its work.

9. Committee Reports

- a. Audit Committee – Councilor De Angelis stated that the Audit committee has not met but will meet in August.**

- b. **Bylaw Review Committee – Councilor De Angelis stated that the Bylaw Review Committee discussed the Mullin Rule, will be starting their next meeting by looking at Net Zero Energy bylaw.**
- c. **Community Resources Committee – Councilor Schreiber stated that the CRC met this week and concluded discussion of goals, and continued review of the Master Plan and public art proposal and how to move that forward.**
- d. **Council Goals Ad Hoc Committee – President Griesemer stated that the committee met but did not achieve a quorum; council goals will be ready for discussion at the Council retreat in September.**
- e. **Finance Committee – Councilor Steinberg stated that the Finance Committee will meet tomorrow to discuss the Percent for Art Bylaw; invited the Council to hear a presentation about how building processes work. There are different processes to build public buildings, both of which will be explained during the meeting.**
- f. **Governance, Organization and Legislation Committee – Councilor Ross stated that GOL will meet Wednesday to discuss, but not vote, on Work Group rules; publication of candidates statements was sent to the Town Attorney.**
- g. **Outreach, Communications and Appointments Committee – Councilor Ross stated that there was no further report from OCA.**

10. Approval of Minutes

- a. **July 1, 2019**

MOTION: Councilor Ryan moved, second by Councilor Steinberg, to approve the July 1, 2019 Town Council meeting minutes as presented.

VOTED 8-0-3 (Councilor De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, Steinberg voted Yes; Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, and Swartz Abstained; Councilors Hanneke and Schoen were absent) to approve the July 1, 2019 Town Council meeting minutes as presented.

11. Town Manager Report

12. Town Council Comments

Councilor Brewer provided an update regarding pending marijuana regulations.

13. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the President 48 Hours in Advance

Letter in Support of the 100% Renewable Energy Act

MOTION: Councilor Schreiber moved, second by Councilor De Angelis, to support the letter in support of the 100% Renewable Energy Act, as presented.

VOTED: 11-0-0 (Councilors Bahl-Milne, Brewer, De Angelis, DuMont, Griesemer, Pam, Ross, Ryan, Schreiber, Steinberg, and Swartz voted Yes; Councilors Hanneke and Schoen were absent)

14. Executive Session – None

15. Adjourn

MOVED: Councilor Schreiber moved, second by Councilor Ryan to adjourn.

VOTED 11-0-0 to adjourn at 11:03 p.m. on July 22, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



Athena O'Keeffe
Clerk to the Council

Record of Agenda Packet Materials and Documents Presented

10a 07-01-2019 DRAFT Town Council Minutes

11 Town Manager Report 07-22-2019 with attachment

12a Timeline for Town Manager FY19 Evaluation rev 07-18-2019

12c Marijuana message from avb Fwd_ A Potential Upcoming Issue for the Town - see bold section

13 Board of Health Appointments - 07-22-2019FINAL

13 Town Council Support for 100 Percent Renewable Energy Bill - D Dumont

3 Complete Zoning Bylaw July 2019

3 Legal Ad Repeal and Replace entire Zoning Bylaw 7-22-19 Notice Dates

3 Planning Board Report to Town Council 06-12-19

3 Redline Zoning Bylaw July 2019

3 Zoning Bylaw legal notice proof

5a Amherst Resolution Supporting Safe and Legal Abortion

5a(2) 7c 9f 2019-07-16 GOL Report to Town Council - DRAFT

6a 2018 Major Accomplishments - PVPC Calendar for upcoming year 2019

6a PVPC interactions with Amherst

6a Report for Town Council on PVPC

6a Report to Town Council on PVPC Activities and Accomplishments

6b Town Manager Employment Agreement

6b Town Manager FY19 Annual Performance Review

6c DPW Fire Facilities One-Pager 07-08-2019

6c Public Safety Building Projects - slides for 7-8-19 (001)

7a Amherst Zoning Bylaw Clean Draft SMC 6-13-19

7c Rules of Procedure-adopted-2019-05-20 - proposed GOL amendments - 2019-07-10 GOL Vote - Clean Version

7c Rules of Procedure-adopted-2019-05-20 - proposed GOL amendments - 2019-07-10 GOL Vote - Marked Up Version

7d Dog Park Plans--Town Council-7-22-2019

8a1 Director of Senior Services - Mary Beth Ogulewicz Cover Letter

8a1 Director of Senior Services - Mary Beth Ogulewicz resume

8a1 Director of Senior Services- Appointments - 07-09-2019

8a1 Director of Senior Services- Appointments - 07-09-2019

8a1 Job Post SC Dir Town Website

8a1 Senior Center Director Job Post FY 2019

8a1 Senior Center Director Job Post Internal FY 2019.doc

8b1 Report to Town Council 2019-07-17 OCA Finance Committee, Non-Voting Residents dd

Agenda 07-22-2019 FINAL Town Council revised 07-18-2019

Draft Motions for Town Council 07-22-2019

Legal Ad Repeal and Replace entire Zoning Bylaw 7-22-19